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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
8 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

9 VALERIE TORRES

10 Plaintiff(s),

11 v.

12 1-800-GOT-JUNK? LLC

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14 Defendant(s).  
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Case No.  
2:23-cv-02916-FMO-MRW

**ORDER SETTING SCHEDULING  
CONFERENCE**

17 **PLEASE READ THIS ORDER CAREFULLY. IT DIFFERS IN SOME**  
18 **RESPECTS FROM THE LOCAL RULES.**

19 **The term "Counsel," as used in this Order, includes parties appearing**  
20 **pro se.**

21 In an effort to comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 1's mandate "to secure the just,  
22 speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action[.]" IT IS ORDERED as  
23 follows:

24 1. Counsel for the parties shall attend a scheduling conference on  
25 **July 13, 2023, at 10:00 AM**, in Courtroom 6D of the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Courthouse.  
26 Lead trial counsel **must** attend the scheduling conference, unless excused by  
27 the court for good cause shown in advance of the scheduling conference. When  
28 seeking permission not to attend, lead counsel must identify the person who will

1 appear by name and bar number and specify that person's involvement in the case.  
 2 The court may choose to postpone the scheduling conference rather than to permit  
 3 counsel other than lead counsel to attend. Local counsel may not appear at a  
 4 scheduling conference in place of lead counsel. Counsel should not purport to be  
 5 "co-lead" counsel as a means of avoiding this requirement.

6 2. No later than **June 22, 2023**, counsel for all appearing parties  
 7 and all unrepresented appearing parties, if any, shall meet, in person, telephonically  
 8 or via video conference, and discuss the matters set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)  
 9 ("Rule 26(f)") as well as those items identified in paragraph 4, below.

10 3. No later than **June 29, 2023**, counsel for all appearing parties,  
 11 and all unrepresented appearing parties, if any, shall file a Joint Rule 26(f) Report.  
 12 **A mandatory chambers copy** of the Joint Rule 26(f) Report shall be delivered to  
 13 the chambers drop box at the Clerk's Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the First Street Courthouse  
 14 **by 12:00 p.m. on the business day following the e-filing of the Joint Rule 26(f)**  
 15 **Report.**

16 4. The Joint Rule 26(f) Report shall be drafted by plaintiff (unless  
 17 the parties agree otherwise) but shall be submitted and signed jointly. "Jointly"  
 18 contemplates a single report, regardless of how many separately represented parties  
 19 there are. The Joint Rule 26(f) Report shall specify the date of the scheduling  
 20 conference on the caption page. It shall report on all matters described below,  
 21 which include those required to be discussed by Rule 26(f) and Local Rule 26-1:

22 a. Statement of the Case: A short synopsis (not to exceed two  
 23 pages) of the main claims, counterclaims and affirmative  
 24 defenses.

25 b. Subject Matter Jurisdiction: A statement of the **specific** basis  
 26 of federal jurisdiction, including supplemental jurisdiction.

27 c. Legal Issues: A brief description of the **key legal issues**,  
 28 including any unusual substantive, procedural or evidentiary

1 issues.

- 2 d. Parties, Evidence, etc.: A list of parties, percipient witnesses  
3 and key documents on the main issues in the case. For conflict  
4 purposes, corporate parties must identify all subsidiaries all  
5 subsidiaries, parents and affiliates.
- 6 e. Insurance: Whether there is insurance coverage and the extent  
7 of such coverage.
- 8 f. Magistrate Judge: Whether the parties consent to a mutually  
9 agreeable magistrate judge from the court's Voluntary Consent  
10 List to preside over this action for all purposes, including trial.
- 11 g. Discovery: A detailed discovery plan and a proposed  
12 discovery cut-off date. If the parties anticipate calling expert  
13 witnesses, they must propose a schedule for expert witness  
14 disclosures (initial and rebuttal) and expert discovery cut-off  
15 under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2).
- 16 h. Motions: A statement of the likelihood of motions seeking to  
17 add other parties or claims, file amended pleadings, transfer  
18 venue, etc.
- 19 i. Class Certification: A proposed deadline for the filing of a  
20 class certification motion, if applicable.
- 21 j. Dispositive Motions: A proposed cut-off date for dispositive  
22 motions and a description of the issues or claims that any  
23 party believes may be determined by such motions.
- 24 k. Settlement/Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR):  
25 A statement of what settlement discussions or written  
26 communications have occurred (excluding any statement of  
27 the terms discussed). Even if the parties receive a Notice to  
28 Parties of Court-Directed ADR Program, the parties shall

1 indicate their settlement preference - private mediation, the  
 2 assigned Magistrate Judge or an attorney from the court's ADR  
 3 Panel - in the Rule 26(f) report. No case will proceed to trial  
 4 unless all parties, including an officer (with full authority to  
 5 settle the case) of each corporate party, have appeared personally  
 6 at an ADR proceeding.

- 7 l. Pretrial Conference and Trial: The proposed dates for the  
 8 pretrial conference and trial.
- 9 m. Trial Estimate: A realistic estimate of the time required for  
 10 trial and whether trial will be by jury or by court. Each side  
 11 should specify (by number, not by name) how many witnesses  
 12 it contemplates calling. If the time estimate for trial given in  
 13 the Joint Rule 26(f) Report exceeds four court days, counsel  
 14 shall be prepared to discuss in detail the estimate.
- 15 n. Trial Counsel: The name(s) of the attorney(s) who will try  
 16 the case.
- 17 o. Independent Expert or Master: Whether this is a case where  
 18 the court should consider appointing a master pursuant to  
 19 Fed. R. Civ. P. 53 or an independent scientific expert. (The  
 20 appointment of a master may be especially appropriate if  
 21 there are likely to be substantial discovery disputes, numerous  
 22 claims to be construed in connection with a summary judgment  
 23 motion, a lengthy Daubert hearing, a resolution of a difficult  
 24 computation of damages, etc.)
- 25 p. Other Issues: A statement of any other issues affecting the  
 26 status or management of the case (e.g., unusually complicated  
 27 technical or technological issues, disputes over protective  
 28 orders, extraordinarily voluminous document production,

1 non-English-speaking witnesses, ADA-related issues,  
2 discovery in foreign jurisdictions, etc.) and any proposals  
3 concerning severance, bifurcation or other ordering of proof.

4 The Joint Rule 26(f) Report should set forth the above-described information  
5 under section headings corresponding to those in this Order.

6 5. Discovery is governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and  
7 applicable Local Rules of the court. Pro se litigants are entitled to discovery to  
8 the same extent as are litigants represented by counsel. The court allows discovery  
9 to commence as soon as the first answer or motion to dismiss is filed. The parties  
10 should note that **discovery shall not be stayed** while any motion is pending,  
11 including any motion to dismiss and/or motion for protective order. **The parties**  
12 **are directed to conduct any necessary discovery as soon as possible, as the**  
13 **court is not inclined to grant any extensions of the discovery or other case-**  
14 **related deadlines.**

15 6. Plaintiff's counsel or, if plaintiff is appearing pro se, defendant's  
16 counsel, shall provide this Order to any parties who first appear after the date  
17 of this Order and to parties who are known to exist but have not yet entered  
18 appearances.

19 7. The failure of any party or attorney to comply with the requirements  
20 of this Order, the Local Rules or the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure may result  
21 in sanctions being imposed.

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24 Dated The 19th of May 2023

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/s/  
Fernando M. Olguin  
United States District Judge